

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Martin J. Cosenza on May 27, 2008.

IN THE CLAIMS

- Claim 1 last line replace "portion." with - - portion,"
- Claim 1 after the amendment above add - - wherein cavities are present in the first projected portions forming the grooves, the cavities extending in a radial direction away from the rotation axis. - -
- Claim 27 last line replace ^{portions of 7/10/05} ~~"portion."~~ ^{portions 7/10/05} with - - ~~portion,~~ ^{portion,}
- Claim 27 after the amendment above add - - wherein cavities are present in the first projected portions forming the grooves, the cavities extending in a radial direction away from the rotation axis. - -
- Claim 30, amend to read - - A differential as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cavities terminate at a first distance from the rotation axis, the first distance being greater than a maximum distance of the oil inlet opening from the rotation axis. - -
- Claim 31, amend to read - - A differential as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cavities terminate at a first distance from the rotation axis, the first distance being greater than a maximum distance of the oil inlet opening from the rotation axis. - -

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-33 are allowed.